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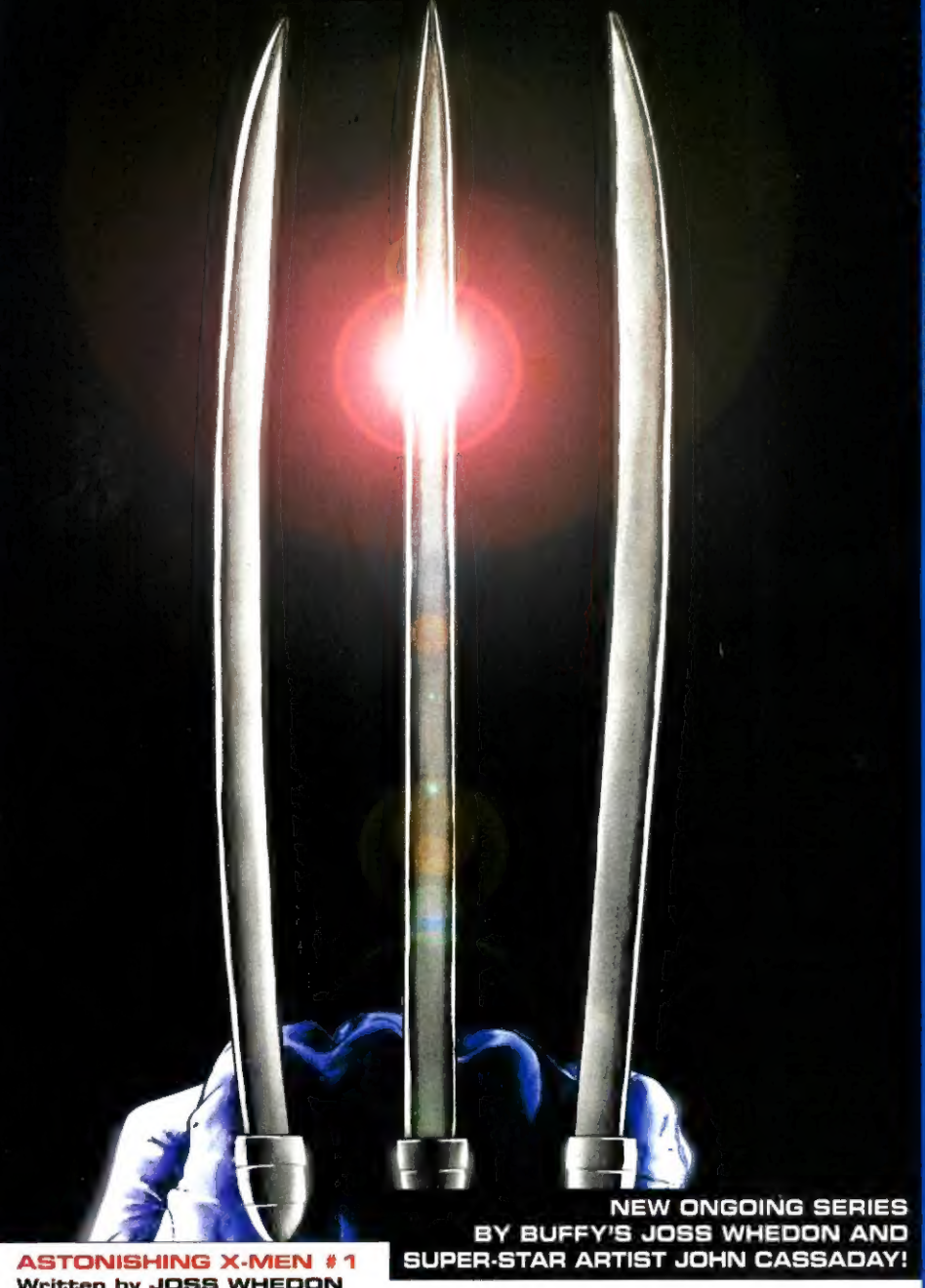

NEW ONGOING SERIES BY BUFFY'S JOSS WHEDON AND SUPER-STAR ARTIST JOHN CASSADAY!

ASTONISHING X-MEN # 1

Written by JOSS WHEDON
Pencils & Cover by JOHN CASSADAY

"GIFTED" pt. 1 (of 6)

Dream-team creators JOSS WHEDON (creator of TV's Buffy the Vampire Slayer) and JOHN CASSADAY (Planetary, CAPTAIN AMERICA) bring you the explosive #1 issue of the all-new flagship X-Men series! As part of X-MEN: RELOAD, this issue marks a return to classic greatness and the beginning of a brand-new era for the X-Men.

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UNCANNY X-MEN #444
Written by CHRIS CLAREMONT
Pencils & Cover by ALAN DAVIS
"THE END OF HISTORY" pt. 1 (of 4)
Beloved X-Men creators CHRIS CLAREMONT and ALAN DAVIS return to the series that started it all! New alliances are forged as old friendships are rekindled, but one thing is certain: The X-Men will never be the same!
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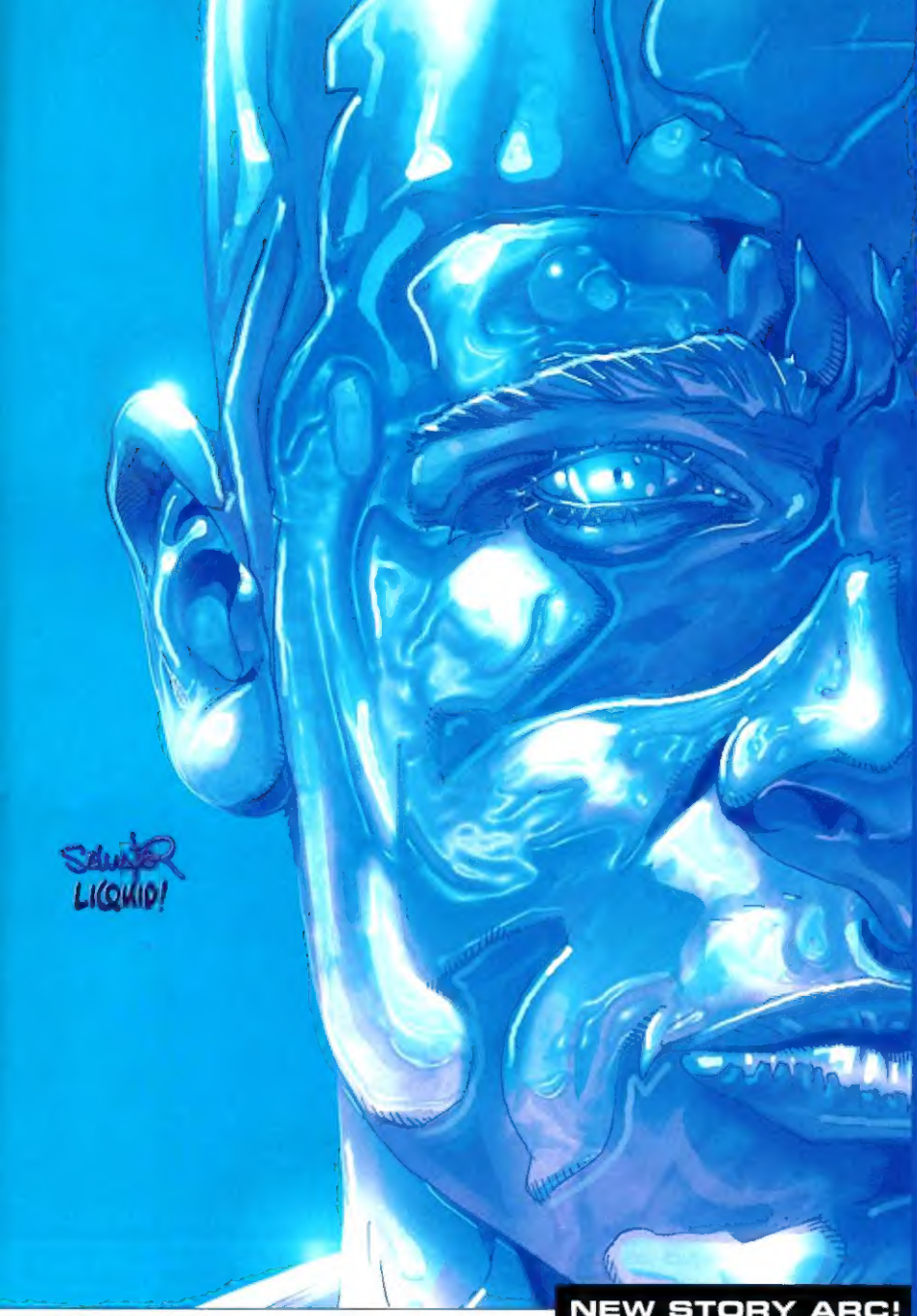

NEW STORY ARC!

X-MEN #157

Written by CHUCK AUSTEN

Pencils & Cover by SALVADOR LARROCA

"DAY OF THE ATOM" pt. 1 (of 4)

UNCANNY X-MEN scribe CHUCK AUSTEN moves to X-MEN (formerly NEW X-MEN) to team up with new regular artist SALVADOR LARROCA as part of X-MEN: RELOAD!

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NEW X-MEN: ACADEMY X #1

Written by NUNZIO DEFILIPPIS & CHRISTINA WEIR
Pencils & Cover by RANDY GREEN

"CHOOSING SIDES" pt. 1 (of 5)

For the young mutants at the Xavier Institute, life will never be the same! The children at the X-Mansion thought they had it tough when Professor X was running things – but now that X-Men Cyclops and Emma Frost have taken over the reins of the school, they're wishing for the simpler times of yesterday! Codenames, school-issued uniforms and mandatory training sessions in the Danger Room are just a few of the changes being implemented around the Institute – but when the entire student body is forced to divide itself up into small squads and "choose sides," Xavier's will never be the same again!

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NEW ONGOING SERIES!

EXCALIBUR #1 & #2

Written by CHRIS CLAREMONT
Penciled by IGOR KORDEY
Covers by ANDY PARK

"FORGING THE SWORD" pts. 1 & 2

The island of Genosha was once a thriving nation of mutants, built from the ground up by Magneto, the mutant Master of Magnetism. Then, one day, an apocalyptic attack killed every man, woman and child, and reduced an entire society to rubble within hours. Now, Professor Charles Xavier – legendary founder of the X-Men, and the man who dreams of peaceful coexistence between humans and mutants – has come to Genosha with one intention: to rebuild a nation from its ashes. This brand-new X-MEN: RELOAD series features stories and art from the creative team that brought you X-TREME X-MEN!

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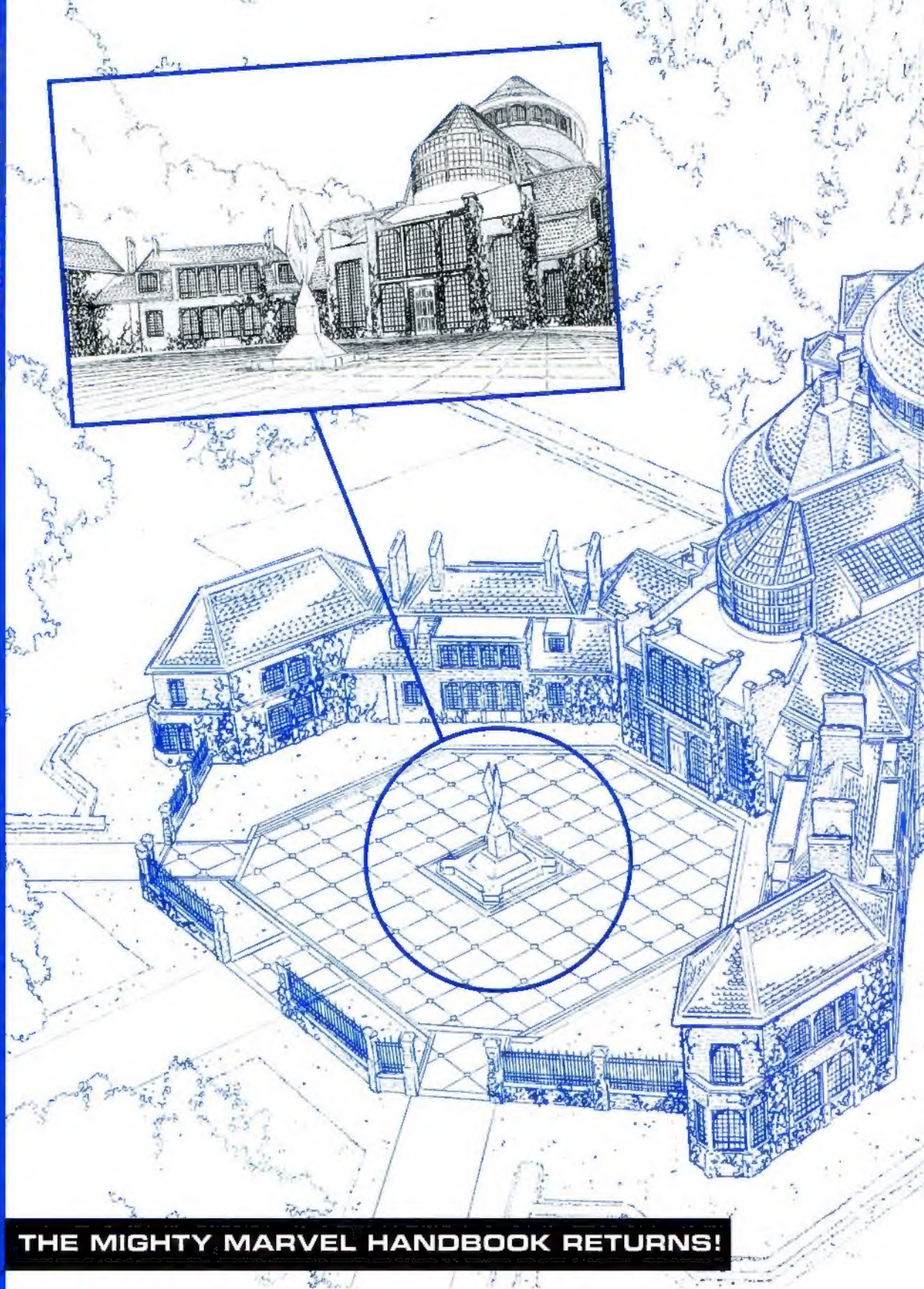

THE MIGHTY MARVEL HANDBOOK RETURNS!

THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE: X-MEN 2004

Featuring extensive diagrams and maps of the new X-Men Mansion, profiles on your favorite heroes, and exclusive behind-the-scenes X-MEN: RELOAD material that can only be seen here, THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE: X-MEN 2004 is a must-have for any true Marvel fan.

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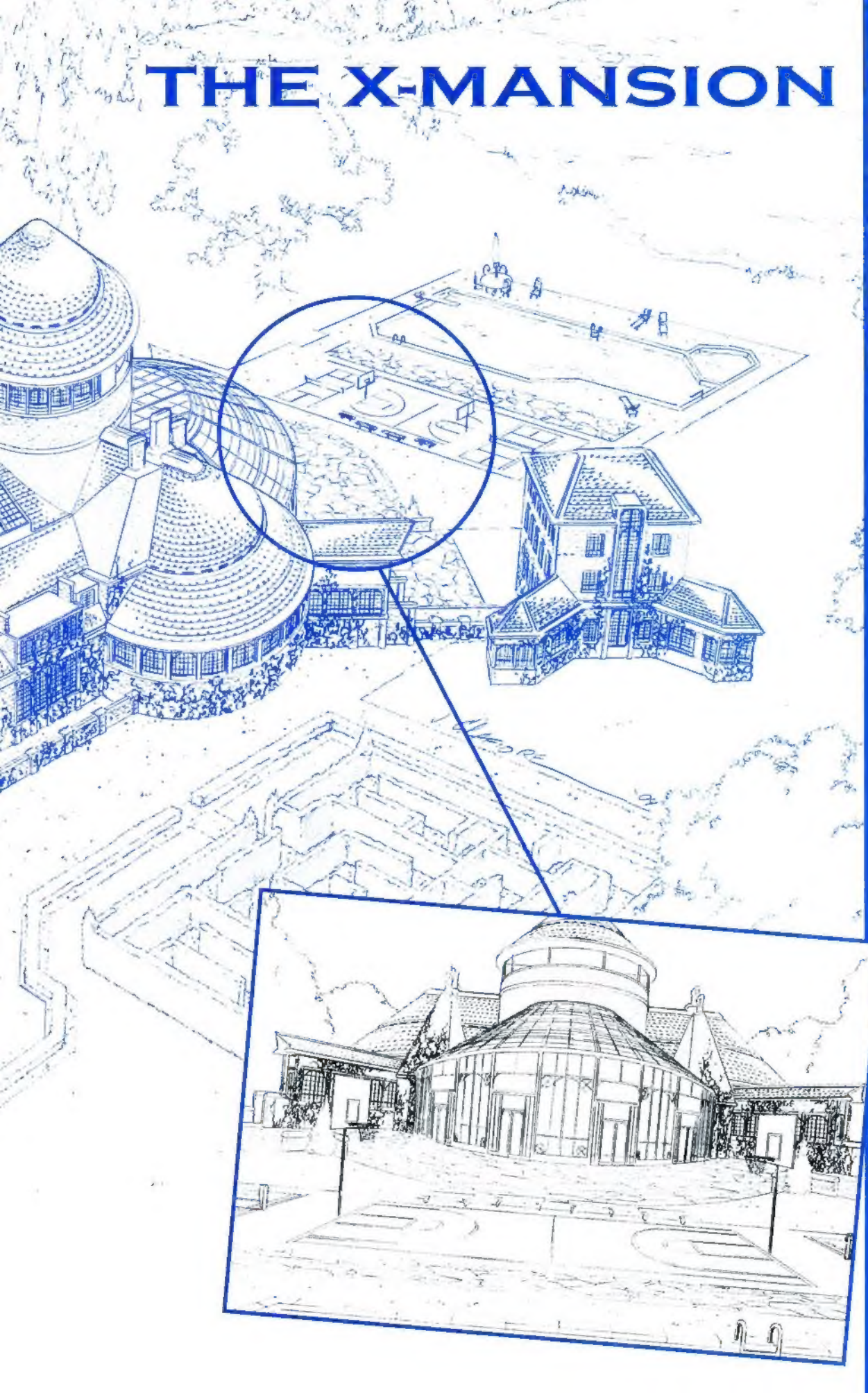

EXTRA: EXCERPT OF JOSS WHEDON'S SCRIPT TO ASTONISHING X-MEN #1

PAGE SIXTEEN:

Panel one:
On Kitty and Emma in the Danger Room:

KITTY
Remember when this place was just flame-throwers and rotating knives? I miss that.

EMMA
Can we please let Scott finish, people?

KITTY
Now I have cloud-hair.

Panel two:
Above them all as Scott continues -- Hank working a floating keypad not unlike the one on Emma's podium before.

SCOTT
The point is simply this: we need to get into the world. Saving lives, helping with disaster relief... we need to present ourselves as a team like any other.

SCOTT
Avengers, Fantastic Four -- they don't get chased through the streets with torches.

LOGAN
Here come the tights...

Panel three:
On Scott.

SCOTT
Sorry, Logan. Superheroes wear costumes.

SCOTT
And quite frankly, all the black leather is making people nervous.

Panel four:
On Kitty, her hair a little wet, raising her hand. Logan in BG, Emma looking away.

KITTY
Okay, I officially really really don't know why I'm here.

KITTY
I'm not a fighter, not like you guys.

LOGAN
You've been in it plenty, kid. I'd take you at my back any day.

Panel five:
Scott again, as the background behind him becomes weirdly digitized:

SCOTT
But you're not a fighter. Your power isn't aggressive, it's protective. That's good to show. And people like you.

PAGE SEVENTEEN:

Panel one:
On the group, as a beach locale, normal size, is forming around them. Hank looking up from the keyboard.

HANK
(to himself)
Here we are...

SCOTT
Hank's articulate as anything, but what people see is mostly... well, a beast. Emma's a former villain, Logan's a thug.

LOGAN
Born and bred.

SCOTT
And me... I can lead a team.

Panel two:
Tight on Scott.

SCOTT
But I haven't looked anybody in the eye since I was fifteen.

Panel three:
Kitty doesn't look happy, therefore Emma is.

KITTY
So I'm, what, a P.R. Stunt?

EMMA
Yes, our own poster child. Isn't it sweet?

EMMA
"The Non-threatening Shadowcat". Or "Sprite", or "Ariel" or whatever incredibly unimpressive name you're using nowadays.

Panel four:
Scott. And the rest in BG, Emma looking taken aback --

SCOTT
Emma, shut up.

SCOTT
You all may have perfectly good reasons for not wanting to do this. But you're the team I chose.

SCOTT
So think about it.

Panel five:
HZ on a rather glum group, Hank gamely offering:

HANK
Am I the only one who's dying to see the outfits?

...TO BE CONTINUED IN ASTONISHING X-MEN #1

JOHN CASSADAY'S CYCLOPS

NEW ONGOING SERIES!

DISTRICT X #1

Written by DAVID HINE
Penciled by DAVID YARDIN
Cover by STEVE MCNIVEN

"MR. M" pt. 1 (of 6)

A new MARVEL KNIGHTS series! Welcome to Mutant Town, the dark corner of New York City where the long arm of the law has been severed clean. Here, the mutant population doesn't sport GQ style or champagne dreams. They eke out each day in squalid tenement rows and filthy streets where only one man and one law can be trusted: the X-Man Bishop.

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EXILES #46 & #47

Written by TONY BEDARD

Pencils & Covers by MIZUKI SAKAKIBARA

"EARN YOUR WINGS" pts. 1 & 2 (of 3)

There's no rest for the weary when there are realities to save! After the devastating events of their last mission, the Exiles hope for a little downtime, only to find themselves 'ported directly into a none-too-friendly reception from the regular Marvel Universe! This X-MEN: RELOAD issue is a perfect jumping-on point, featuring the debut of new writer TONY BEDARD (Kiss Kiss Bang Bang, Negation) and the promotion of EXILES cover artist MIZUKI SAKAKIBARA to regular artist! Guest-starring the Fantastic Four and Beak from NEW-X-MEN!

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NEW STORY ARC! TWO ISSUES!

WEAPON X #23 & #24

Written by FRANK TIERI
Penciled by TOM MANDRAKE
Covers by ANDY PARK

"WAR OF THE PROGRAMS" pts. 1 & 2 (of 3)

Featuring WOLVERINE and FANTOMEX! Writer FRANK TIERI and new regular artist TOM MANDRAKE take WEAPON X in an exciting new direction! What is the Weapon X Program? What is its relationship to the shadowy past of the most famous X-Man, Wolverine? And what did Wolverine recently learn about himself that threatens to destroy everything he believes in? Guest-starring FANTOMEX, these X-MEN: RELOAD issues serve as a great jumping-on point! Featuring covers by Tomb Raider artist Andy Park!

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NEW CREATIVE TEAM!

NEW STORY ARC! TWO ISSUES!

MYSTIQUE #14 & #15

Written by SEAN MCKEEVER
Penciled by MANUEL GARCIA
Covers by MIKE MAYHEW

"UNNATURAL" pts. 1 & 2 (of 5)

When Mystique is sent to Europe to investigate a biotech company rumored to be using mutants as guinea pigs, she discovers a mystery far greater than anything she'd imagined! Join the new X-MEN: RELOAD creative team of SEAN McKEEVER (SENTINEL, The Waiting Place) and returning artist MANUEL GARCIA (AVENGERS) for this bold new adventure featuring everyone's favorite shape-shifting secret agent!

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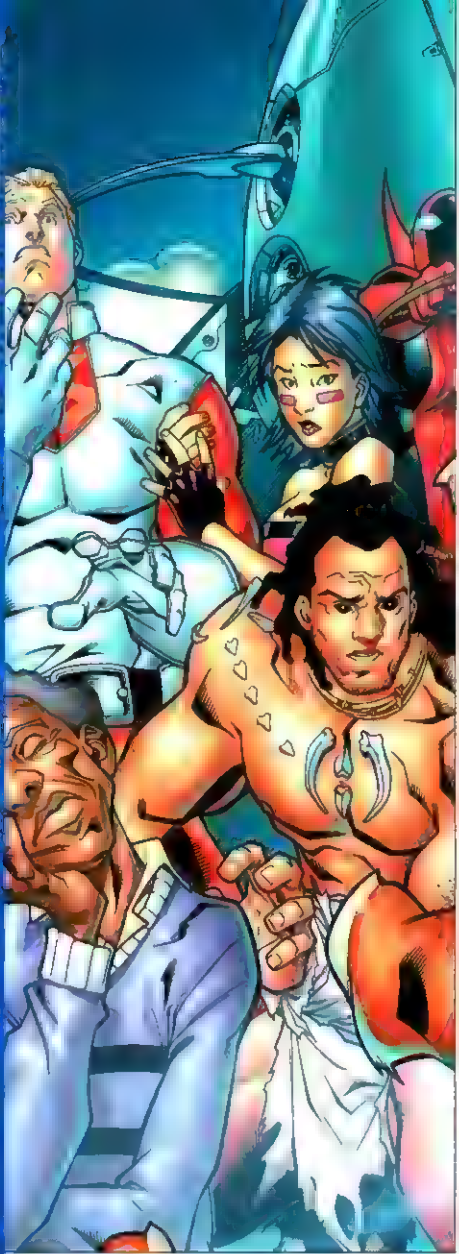

ALPHA FLIGHT #3

Written by SCOTT LOBDELL
Pencils & Cover by CLAYTON HENRY

"YOU GOTTA BE KIDDIN' ME" pt. 3 (of 6)

The All-New, All-Different Alpha Flight – led by everyone's favorite Chewbacca look-alike, Sasquatch – unites to tackle the menace of the Plodex. But will Canada's newest, hippest fighting force be able to save their maple-leaf-clad forefathers in time? Could this be – gasp! – the end of Puck, the Killer Canuck?

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EMMA FROST #11

Written by KARL BOLLERS
Penciled by CARLO PAGULAYAN
Cover by GREG HORN

"MIND GAMES" pt. 5 (of 6)

Emma Frost has freed herself from her overbearing father, but now she's on her own and in over her head with the Boston mob! Her developing mutant powers have barely saved her so far, but how will she escape mob custody with nowhere to run?

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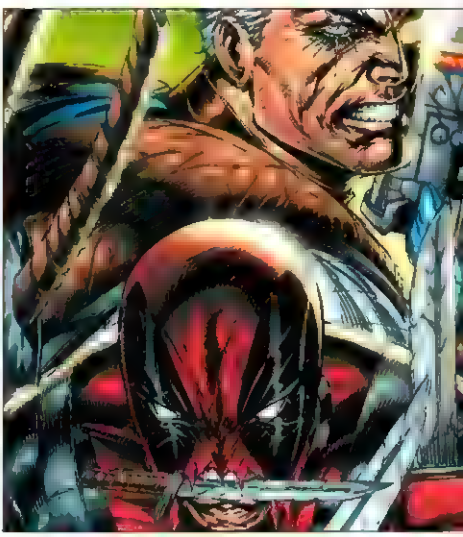

CABLE/DEADPOOL #3

Written by FABIAN NICIEZA
Penciled by MARK BROOKS
Cover by ROB LIEFELD

"IF LOOKS COULD KILL" pt. 3 (of 6)

The One World Church has a lovely message of eliminating all that divides us to bring about a glorious global unity. All they want is to love you till you're blue in the face – literally! Will Cable and Deadpool allow themselves to be recruited, or will they go ballistic?

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ULTIMATE X-MEN #45
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils & Cover by DAVID FINCH
The last part of "NEW MUTANTS" sees a final battle between the X-Men and the Sentinels in the heart of Washington, D.C. How will the not-so-merry mutants deal with the awful aftermath?
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ULTIMATE MARVEL

BRANDON PETERSON RETURNS TO THE X-MEN!

NEW STORY ARC!

ULTIMATE X-MEN #46

Written by BRIAN K. VAUGHAN

Pencils & Cover by BRANDON PETERSON

New storyline! New creative team! An Ultimatized version of one of the X-Men's greatest adversaries rears his scary head

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ULTIMATE FANTASTIC FOUR #6
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS & MARK MILLAR
Penciled by ADAM KUBERT
Cover by DALE KEOWN
"THE FANTASTIC" pt. 6 (of 6)
It was too big to fit in five issues, so we're concluding the Ultimate FF's first story line in six! The Mole Man and his army of ani-men confront the only four people in the world who can stop his plan of global conquest. Guess who they are?
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ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN #58 & #59

Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils & Covers by MARK BAGLEY

"HOLLYWOOD" pts. 5 & 6 (of 6)

As the cameras roll, the real web-slinger is beaten by Doc Ock and hijacked by plane to Brazil! And what is the public reaction as the flick has its premiere? Plus Something strange happens while Doc Ock is in S.H.I.E.L.D. custody

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AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #508
Written by J. MICHAEL STRACZYNSKI
Pencils & Cover by JOHN ROMITA JR.
The enigmatic Ezekiel returns to Peter's life! But is he the same man who stood by Spider-Man's side in his hour of need, or will he prove to be something much deadlier?
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NEW STORY ARC!

VENOM #14 & #15

Written by DANIEL WAY
Penciled by SKOTTIE YOUNG
Covers by CLAYTON CRAIN

"TWIST" pts. 1 & 2 (of 5)

It's symbiote vs. symbiote as two bloodthirsty Venom creatures go head-to-head – with Spider-Man caught in the middle of it all!

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SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #3

Written by TOM MCLAUGHLIN & BRANDON THOMAS
Penciled by SCOTT KOLINS & ALE GARZA
Cover by STEVE MCNIVEN

It's another pair of stories set in the world of the web-slinger! A young man must grapple with a life-altering choice in "PREVENTATIVE MEDICINE" by Tom McLaughlin and Scott Kolins. Then, in "6TH" by Brandon Thomas and Ale Garza, Spidey must cope with both the Vulture and his own spider-sense!

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STAND-ALONE STORY!

SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #14
Written by PAUL JENKINS
Painted Art & Cover by PAOLO RIVERA
A special fully painted stand-alone story! On a rooftop in the Bronx sits a sad handicapped man. A prisoner of his own crippled body, how will a battle between the wall-crawler and Morbius, the Living Vampire, change his life?
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ART FROM SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #14

ART FROM SPIDER-MAN #1

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SPIDER-MAN #2

Written by MARK MILLAR

Pencils & Cover by TERRY DODSON

With his secret identity exposed, a madman threatening to destroy his family and enemies at every turn, Spider-Man pays a visit to Earth's Mightiest Heroes – the Avengers – for some assistance. But things don't turn out quite like he expects.

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4 #6

Written by ROBERTO AGUIRRE-SACASA
Pencils & Cover by STEVE MCNIVEN
"THE PINE BARRENS" pt. 2 (of 3)
A family camping trip to the pristine Pine Barrens takes a terrifying twist when a group of extraterrestrial terrors turn their hungry eyes on the most powerful family on the planet!
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WOLVERINE #15

Written by GREG RUCKA

Pencils & Cover by DARICK ROBERTSON

The deadly Sabretooth continues his hunt for the mysterious feral creature through the pristine backwoods of the Pacific Northwest, and nothing will stand in his way – including Logan! Featuring part of Logan's life we've never seen before

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WOLVERINE/PUNISHER #3 (of 5)
Written by PETER MILLIGAN
Penciled by LEE WEEKS
Cover by CHRIS BRUNNER
In the bowels of the South American jungle, the Punisher and Wolverine must fight for their lives against a town full of nasties with just the firepower to bring them down.
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FEATURING GUEST-APPEARANCES BY SPIDER-MAN, LUKE CAGE AND IRON FIST!

DAREDEVIL #60
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Pencils & Cover by ALEX MALEEV
"THE KING OF HELL'S KITCHEN" pt. 5 (of 5)
Daredevil returns, ready to rid the city of Yakuza crime lords once and for all. And this time, he's brought some backup.
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DAREDEVIL: FATHER #2 (of 5)

Written, Pencils & Cardstock Cover by JOE QUESADA

Daredevil has his work cut out for him. New York's crippling heat wave shows no signs of release – and neither does a serial killer with a stranglehold on the city. Meanwhile, a new vigilante group enters the fray.

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X-STATIX #23

Written by PETER MILLIGAN
Pencils & Cover by MIKE ALLRED

Who's stronger? Well, friends, you're about to find out, as America's favorite mutants go toe-to-toe with Earth's Mightiest Heroes: the Avengers! In part three, Vivisector squares off against Hawkeye, while Venus puts the squeeze on Ant-Man!

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CAPTAIN AMERICA #26

Written by ROBERT MORALES
Penciled by CHRIS BACHALO
Cover by DAVE JOHNSON

The "Bucky Issue" resurfaces, as Cap must answer for his World War II history with young Bucky Barnes fighting by his side.

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INCREDIBLE HULK #72
Written by BRUCE JONES
Pencils & Cover by MIKE DEODATO JR.
Round two of "BIG THINGS". "TRUST ME," as the Hulk squares off against the invincible Iron Man!
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FROM THE CREATORS OF ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN!

THE PULSE #3
Written by BRIAN MICHAEL BENDIS
Penciled by MARK BAGLEY
Cover by MIKE MAYHEW
"THIN AIR" pt. 3 (of 5)
Spider-Man joins forces with Jessica Jones, Ben Urich and Kat Farrell to bring the Green Goblin to justice!
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SECRET WAR: BOOK TWO (of FIVE)
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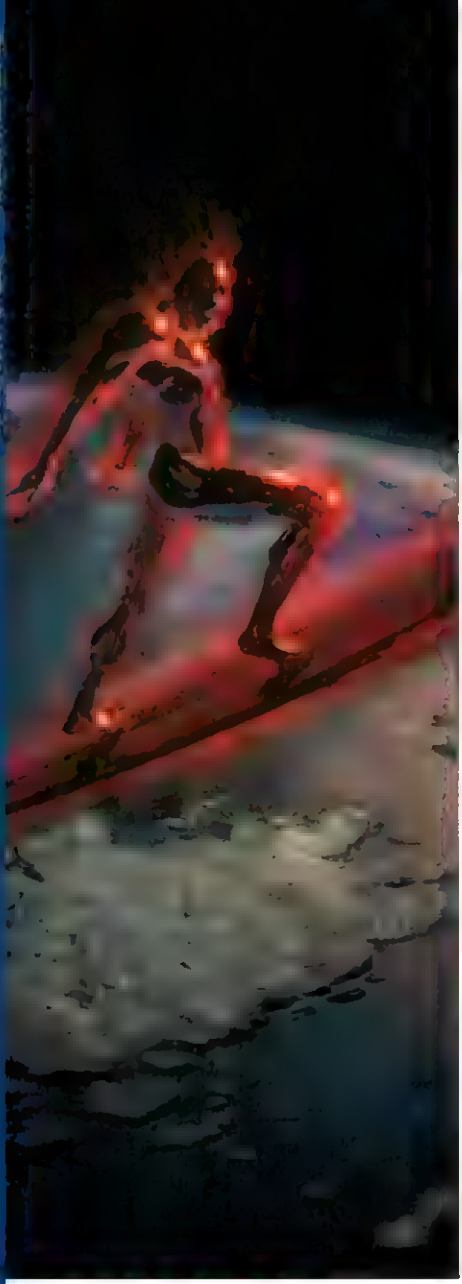

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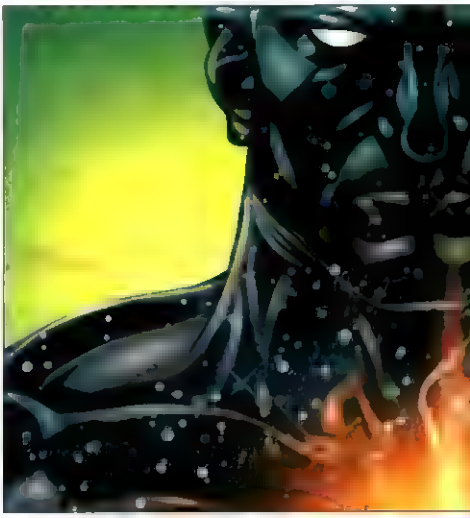

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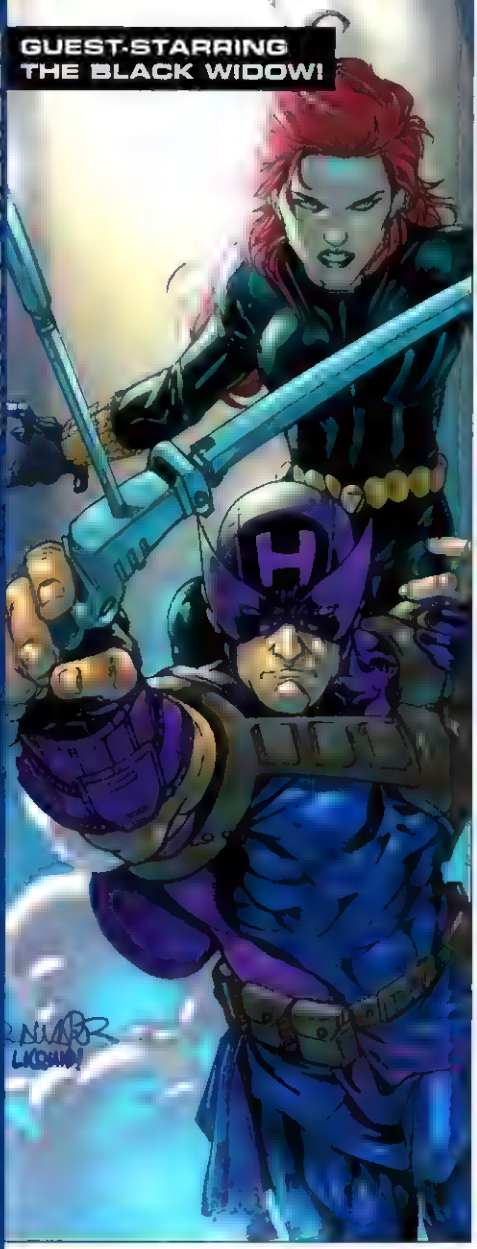

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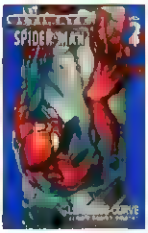

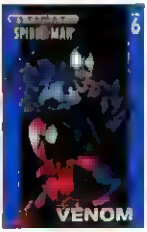

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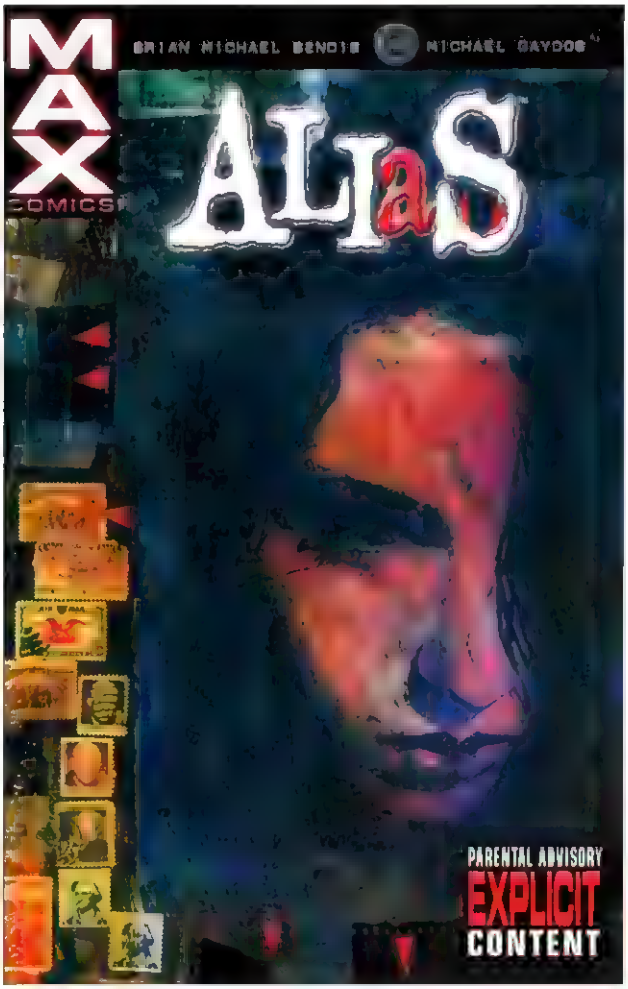

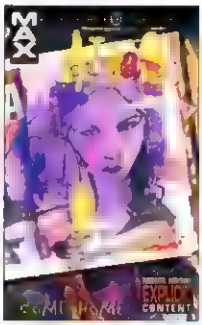

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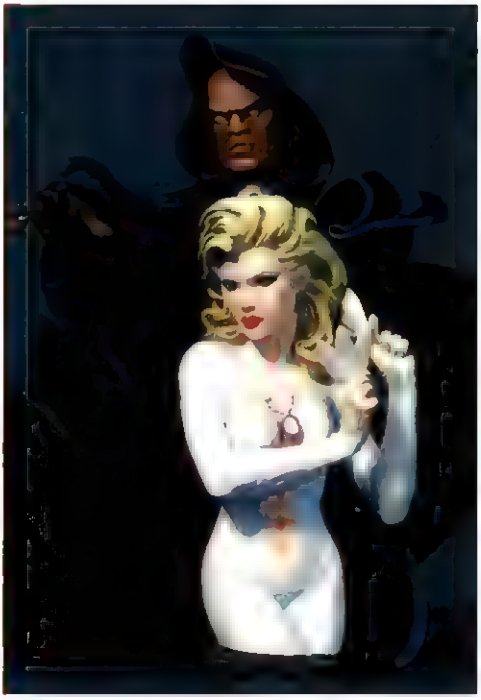

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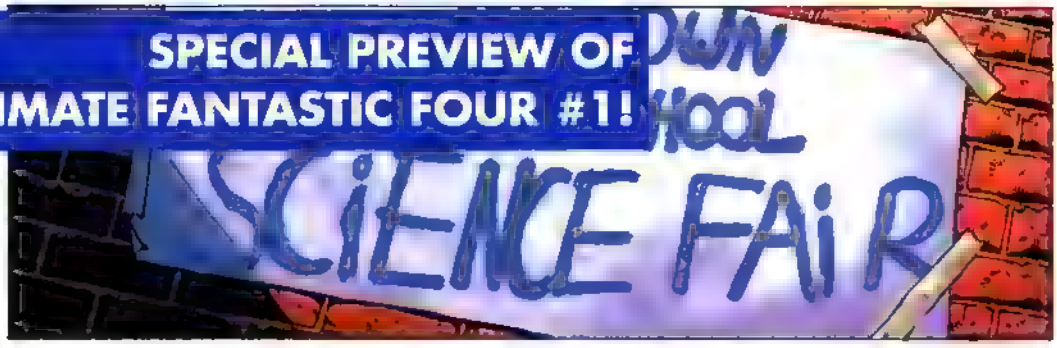
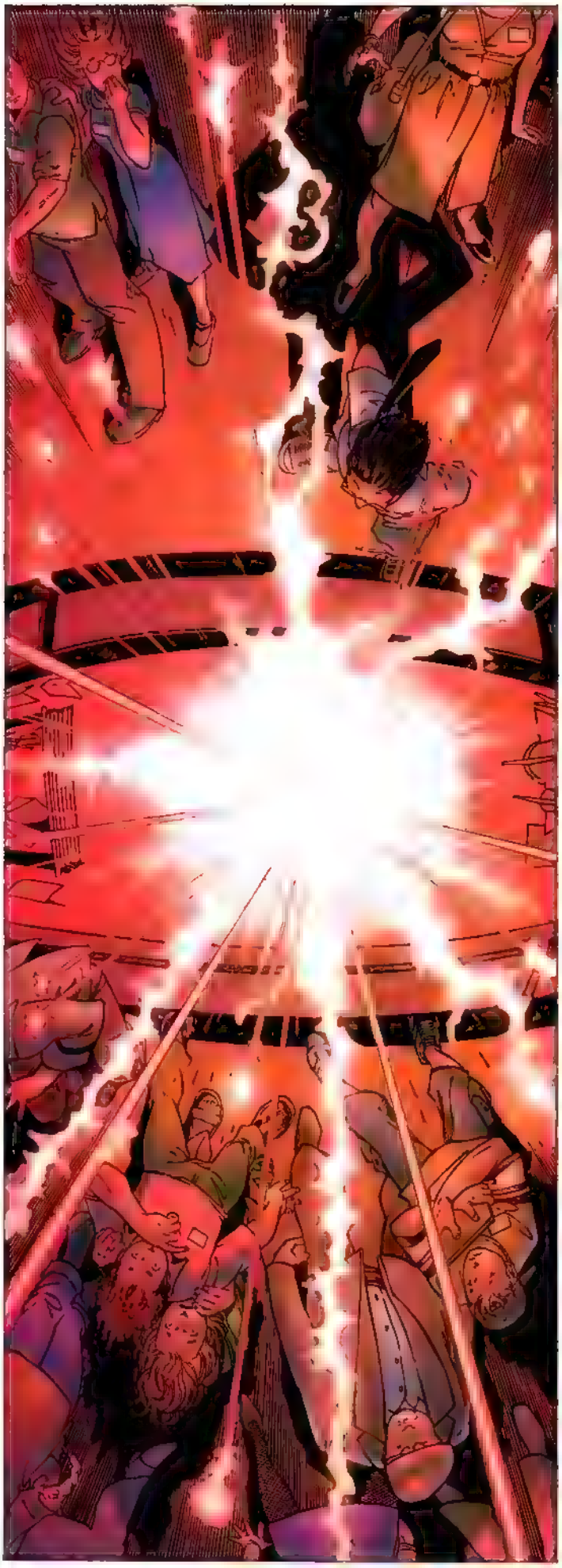
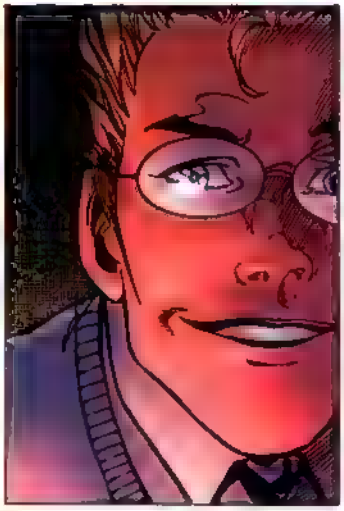


6 MONTHS LATER

Teleportation.
The ability to move something or someone through space...
...by the disembodiment of the object in one location and its reconstruction in another.
At least that is the *theory*.
Solar System
Volcano
TELEPORTATION: THE WORLD OF TOMORROW
Teleportation *is* possible, at least for sub-atomic particles--
--using a celebrated and paradoxical feature of quantum mechanics known as the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen effect.

Whether it can be done for *larger* systems, such as atoms, remains a mystery.
But my hypothesis here today is that *instead* of disembodiment...
...the *real* key to teleportation may be *shifting* the objects through a parallel dimension.
Shifting the objects through dimensions *similar* to our own, that are using the same *space* as our own.
Once equations are properly calculated to breach this space. .
...one would imagine that this kind of teleportation could, in fact, change *every* part of our society.
Starving people could have food distributed to them in an instant.
Our transportation systems would totally change.
The possibilities are endless.
But this is only phase seven of my project. I can only transport a small object one way
Hopefully, by next year I, personally, will be able to go and get my--
Uh--
Well, uh...
Maybe I'll just show you what I am talking about.
Um, okay...
You, uh, you might want to step back.





Yeah, it's me. Lumpkin.
Found one.

Reed is an exceptionally talented young man.
As you can see, I work for the United States Government--
--for the Director of Mainland Technology Development, actually.
It's my job to go around the country and headhunt, if you will, promising young talent.
Young men and women, just like Reed.
Public school is a waste of his time.
His brain works on another level.
He is already working on applied sciences *decades* ahead of adults who actually *work* in the field of--
I knew it!! I knew we were raising him wrong! I knew that I--
Ma'am..
We didn't know what he was talking about half the time and I didn't... I didn't--
Ma'am, you did nothing wrong.
Reed is a gifted, special, little boy. There isn't a textbook way to deal with something like this.
What he needs *now* is a place to grow and express himself.
Now, the good news is that right here, right in the city, there's a *"think tank"*, of young men and women, just like Reed, where he'll be able to--
Ah, here it comes..
And how much is this *"tank"* thing going to cost us?
Actually, we'd be paying you.
Would we be able to visit?
How much are we talking about?
You say it's in the city?

"Just over the bridge.
"Right in the heart of Manhattan."
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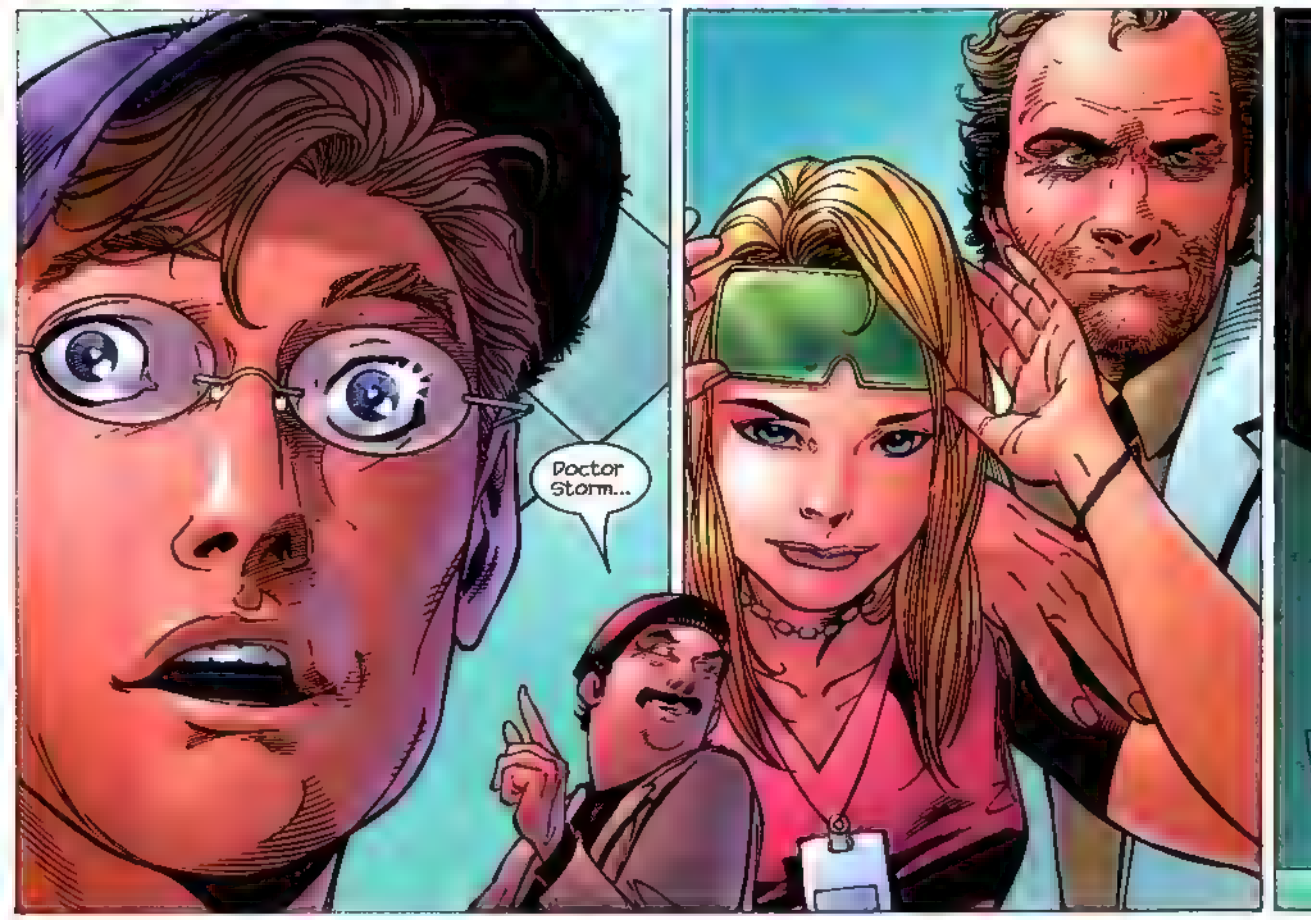
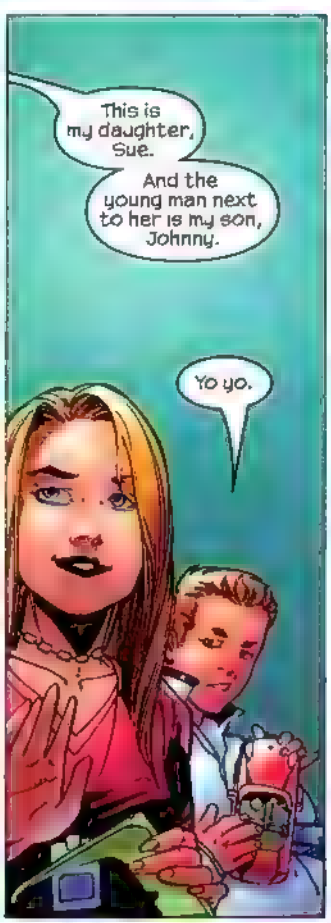
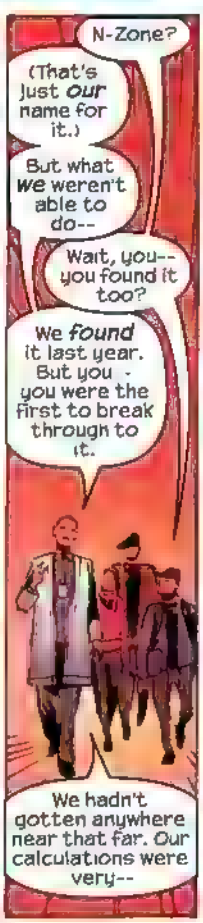
This is it, Reed.
The Baxter Building.
Welcome home.


Doctor Storm...

Reed, this-- this is Professor Storm. He'll be overseeing your personal projects
Young man.
Sir, it s-- it s-- I've read a l of your-- it's just too--
Young man, if what I have read about your work is true, the honor is all mine.
Please, let me introduce you to my greatest achievements...


This is my daughter, Sue.
And the young man next to her is my son, Johnny.
Yo yo.

Now, I want you to ease into this experience. Tomorrow morning we'll go over everything.
But there is something I want to show you.
We were all so impressed with your teleportation theories. Dimension actualization is a real pet project for us.
The fact that you found the interdimensional coordinates to the N-Zone all by your--


N-Zone?
(That's just our name for it.)
But what we weren't able to do--
Wait, you-- you found it too?
We found it last year. But you - you were the first to break through to it.
We hadn't gotten anywhere near that far. Our calculations were very--

I was the first?
You were.
Uh... How far did you get?

We can only look at it.
Look at it...?

Well, we sure are glad to meet you, kiddo.
We've been trying to put together some cartography on this region for months, and when these little cars started appearing...
...we thought we'd gone *nuts*.
Fantastic...

ULTIMATE FANTASTIC FOUR #1 STILL IN STOCK!

SPECIAL PREVIEW OF ULTIMATE FANTASTIC FOUR #2!

FIVE YEARS AGO

That's what I am surrounded by... failure.
The greatest minds of their generation gathered together in one magnificent place and time--
A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, with unlimited resources
and *nothing* to show for it
The Baxter Building is not summer camp.
The Baxter Building is where you *will* create the future of our world.
And in doing so, you provide for your government, who in return will provide for you and your family.
You get everything your little hearts could want, but this is by no means a free ride
If you can't contribute something productive, something tangible, you're gone.
You may have noticed... your friend Phineas Mason is no longer with us.
He has been asked to leave.
All he contributed to our group was a dismantling of the building security systems.
And *clearly* if you are to earn your *way* here, we are going to need more from you than *that*.
Isn't that right, Mr. Victor Van Damme?

And I know you're saying to yourself: "Please, Doctor, we're just kids. We're just children. Cut us a break."
You want to go slack off? Go "hang out" at the shopping mall?
You want that? Go.
But you're not coming back here.
You- each of you- have been handpicked, from millions of children.
You have been handpicked to find our future.
Don't you understand this?
There's them and there's you.
You are not even the same species as them!
And your time is now! Right now.
Your families are counting on you, your country is counting on you.
Your genius can change the course of society!!
You have that power!!
Through sheer act of will, you can dictate the course of human events!
And if you have the ability to do that and you don't take it...
Then what are you!??!

He was so talking about you, Reed.
See, I could have sworn he was looking right at you.
Moley moley moooooley!! The Moleman cometh.
The Moleman spitteth.
He is so creepy.
He's a genius.
He's the Moleman!!
Moley moleeeeyyy!!!
Idiots!
Why don't you marry him?
Wait, let us mark the occasion--
Victor actually spoke to the rest of us.

Anything?
AGH!
Are you going to do that every time?
It looks like, yeah.
How's it going?

It's going how it's always going.
You'll crack it.
I'm not even-
You'll crack it.
Your dad is so disappointed in me.
Are you serious?
I should have gotten this by now. My calculations--
My dad loves you.
He's disappointed.
No, you're disappointed. My dad loves you.
I'm not pulling my weight, or whatever. I'm not contributing.
You are insane. You reinvented the data processor and you--
That's just- that's just side stuff.
I put all that together to help me work the transporter calculation problems.
That's not what I'm--
Well, only you could revolutionize data tech and see that as a side project.
You'll crack it.
You'll crack it.
What?
Nothing.

Mom? Mom, it's me. Reed.
Hi.
I'm okay. No. I'm okay. What?
I miss you, too.
How's everybody?
Really? Wow. No, I didn't know.
I- yeah, I called because- did Dad get the motorcycle? Did they deliver the- yeah?
Did he like it?
Well, it's- it's- no.
I didn't know he hated that color.
Well, I don't know. It's kind of a customized thing.
I had them, you know, make it special. It's very one-of-a kind.
I just thought he would really like it.
No, I know.
I know.
So, uh, when are you guys going to come visit?
I have some really cool- I know.
No, I know...
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GREAT PLAY, FLASH!
YEAH, LET'S HOPE IT WORKS TONIGHT AGAINST THE TIGERS.
THEY'LL BE A LOT TOUGHER THAN PUNY PETER PARKER HERE, BUT NOT NEARLY AS MUCH FUN.
WHAT'S THIS?! WHO'S THE VULTURE?!
PERFECT, AND HERE I HAVE NO CHANGE...
EXCUSE ME.. DO EITHER OF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGE? QUARTERS?
ANYONE?

I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D BE SO HARD TO GET TWO LOUSY QUARTERS--
HI, AUNT MAY... WHAT WAS OUR LANDLORD DOING HERE?
HELLO, PETER, WHY DON'T YOU COME IN AND HAVE A SEAT. I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT SOMETHING.
PETER, MONEY HAS BEEN VERY TIGHT AND I'VE BEEN UNABLE TO KEEP UP ON THE RENT.
NO WAY! WE CAN'T LOSE THE HOUSE!
DEAR, WITHOUT UNCLE BEN'S INCOME WE MAY NOT HAVE A CHOICE.
NO! I'LL QUIT SCHOOL AND GET A JOB... ANYTHING...
YOU WILL DO NO SUCH THING!
PETER, YOU ARE DESTINED FOR GREAT THINGS... I WILL NOT LET YOU TRADE IN YOUR FUTURE FOR A LITTLE BIT OF RENT MONEY.
BUT WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
I DON'T KNOW YET.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS! THERE'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING--
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HERE IT IS. I'M SURE YOUR UNCLE BEN WOULD HAVE WANTED YOU TO HAVE THIS.
THANKS! THIS LITTLE GADGET MIGHT JUST HELP US PAY THE BILLS.
OH, NO... DON'T SELL IT!
NO, DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOT A BETTER IDEA.
Later.
I'M SURE I COULD TAKE BETTER PICTURES THAN ANYONE OF THIS VULTURE CHARACTER.
NO ONE GETS AS CLOSE TO THE ACTION AS SPIDER-MAN!
THIS SHOULD BE HIGH ENOUGH TO SEE EVERYTHING.
NOW... WHERE WOULD HE BE TODAY?

THAT'S STRANGE--
ALL RIGHT!! THOSE ARE GONNA BE GREAT SHOTS!!!
I GOTTA ADMIT, THIS WAS A BRILLIANT IDEA--

WELL, WELL, WELL...THE "AMAZING" SPIDER-MAN, EH?
OR IS IT, THE "SPECTACULAR" SPIDER-MAN?
I THINK I PREFER... THE "INSUBSTANTIAL" SPIDER-MAN.
OR MAYBE, THE "UNGUARDED" SPIDER-MAN.
OR MAYBE JUST...
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